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AMENDMENT WITH REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on April 17, 2001, setting a three month term for reply, with the term for reply herein extended three months, i.e., to up to and including October 17, 2001. Any fee occasioned by this paper may be charged, or overpayment credited to, Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.136(a) and 1.17(a) and any other Rules, it is respectfully requested that the period for the reply to the April 17, 2001 Office Action be extended by three months, i.e., to up to and including October 17, 2001. Submitted herewith is a check for \$920.00 in payment of the fee therefor; and, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additionally required fee for the extension, or any other fee occasioned by this paper, or credit

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